

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-2, 4, 6-11, 13, 14, 17, 19, 21-26, 28-52, 74, and 77 are currently pending. Claims 15, 16, 53-55, 59, 66, and 68-73, which were rejected by the Examiner, are canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer in order to place this application in condition for allowance. No new matter is introduced by this amendment.

II. Allowed Subject Matter

Applicant acknowledges and appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 1, 2, 4, 6-11, 13, 14, 17, 19, 21-26, 28-52, 74, and 77 are allowed. In view of the amendments made herein, Applicant asserts that the application is now in condition for immediate allowance.

III. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph

The Examiner rejected claims 15, 16, 53-55, 59, 66, and 68-73 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The rejected claims are canceled herein. Applicant respectfully asserts that the rejection is now moot. Applicant preserves the right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a continuation application. In view of the amendments made herein, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw this rejection and allow the pending claims.

IV. Conclusion

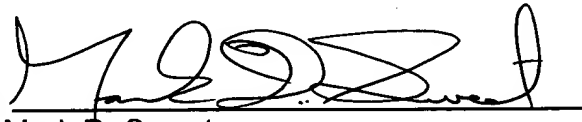
In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application, and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this amendment and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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